

About Our Foundation

In August 1969, the Lions Clubs of Northern Virginia received calls for help from fellow Lions in Nelson County, Virginia as they tried to help neighbors and relatives who lost food, clothing, and in some cases everything they owned as Hurricane Camille settled in the mountains west of Charlottesville, Virginia.

The clubs organized drives for contributions of materials, clothing, blankets, food, and medicine, but all this took precious time during which large numbers of people suffered. The inability to respond quickly in a natural disaster prompted District leaders to lay the groundwork for a statewide foundation operated by all of the Lions Districts in Virginia. By the summer of 1972 the State Corporation Commission had approved the Articles of Incorporation and the Lions of Virginia Foundation was officially born.

Since that time, LOVF has provided humanitarian services statewide. The Foundation is administered by a Board of Directors composed of the Past District Governors that have served in the preceding two years; current International Officers; the six elected District LOVF chairpersons; and the Past Presidents of the Foundation. All board members are active members of Virginia Lions Clubs and serve on a volunteer basis.

If you would like more information on the Lions of Virginia Foundation or would like to apply for a grant award, please contact your respective District Governor, elected District LOVF chairperson, or any other member of the LOVF Board of Directors.

or

Visit our website: www.lovf.org



Virginians Helping Virginians Through



*Emergency Aid and
Statewide Humanitarian Efforts for
Greater Service through Lionism*

*The Lions of Virginia Foundation, Inc. is a
public non-profit 501(c)(3).
Your contributions may be tax deductible.*

LIONS OF VIRGINIA FOUNDATION, INC.

The Lions of Virginia Foundation (LOVF) was created in 1972. Since that time, LOVF has provided humanitarian services statewide. The Foundation has lived up to the Lions motto "We Serve" by helping people in need and by implementing programs throughout the state of Virginia.

Grants Funded (as of June 2017)

162

Funds Distributed

\$1,311,163

How To Contribute

There are several ways to contribute to the Lions of Virginia Foundation, Inc. Please choose the option that best suits your giving wishes:

- A **General Contribution** to Lions of Virginia Foundation
- By honoring a special individual with a **Lions of Virginia Distinguished Humanitarian Award** (Cost is \$750 which may be spread over 3 payments)
- By honoring a Distinguished Humanitarian recipient with a **Progressive Award** (Cost is \$750 and recipient must already be a Distinguished Humanitarian)
- A **Designated Contribution to the Special Needs Equipment Fund** (These contributions may not be applied to the Distinguished Humanitarian or Progressive Awards)
- A **bequest or trust** set up with assistance by your financial advisor or attorney, which provides funding for LOVF.

Contributions should be mailed to:
Lions of Virginia Foundation, Inc.
Roanoke, VA 24018-3916
501 Elm Ave SW,
Roanoke, VA 24016-3921

Or given to your **District LOVF Chairperson**



We Serve

Our proud history of sharing the love of Virginia includes:

- **Humanitarian Services** that provide equipment for those visually and hearing impaired through the **Lions Special Needs Equipment Program**
- **Disaster and emergency relief** following hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods; including the purchase of blankets, food, clothing, personal care items, tools, non-prescription medicines and other necessities.
- **Youth assistance** by providing matching grants and loans for youth camps, playing fields and exchange programs
- Partial funding for large **Community Projects** not able to be sustained by individual Lions Clubs such as assistance with construction of **community projects and parks**.
- Funding for **Statewide Initiatives** such as the training of school nurses to provide eye screenings in school systems.



How to Make a Request

Disaster Relief—Emergency Requests

An emergency request can be made for up to \$10,000. The distribution of funds shall be for emergency needs such as water, food, clothing, blankets, non-narcotic medications, toiletries, small tools, gasoline, and other personal emergency needs. Funds may not be distributed to another organization for distribution.

1. **A district Governor, club or any Lion** may contact the LOVF District Representative in their area **for an emergency request**.
2. The District Representative must immediately contact the District Governor, if the District Governor is not the requestor.
3. **The District Representative**, or if not available the District Governor, **relays the request to the current LOVF President**.
4. The **LOVF President contacts the Executive Committee** of the Board of Directors **to vote on the disaster relief emergency request**.
5. The **District Governor or a club** in the district **must agree to be responsible for the distribution of the emergency funds and for the completion of required LOVF report forms. Reports must be submitted within six months**. If a Lion's Club takes responsibility, it is the club's responsibility to keep the District Governor informed.
6. **Additional emergency funds may be requested** for the same disaster if there are remaining emergency needs.

Special Needs Equipment Requests

Special Needs Equipment requests are considered on a case-by-case basis after both local and district sources of funds for that particular purpose have been exhausted. All requests should be submitted by the sub-district Special Needs Equipment Chairperson to the LOVF Special Needs Equipment Chairperson. The LOVF Chairperson will assess the need and provide funds when possible to the requesting District. Service to Humanity Requests will not be accepted for this purpose.

How to Make a Request—cont.

Service to Humanity Requests

Assistance to individuals or organizations shall be considered on a case-by-case basis, but may only be submitted by a Lions or Lioness Club from within Multiple District 24, or from a cabinet member from one of the sub-districts.

1. Requests should be submitted using the **official LOVF application** which can be found at **www.LOVF.org** or by contacting your District Representative.
2. **Requests should be sent to the District Representative** who will review them for accuracy and completeness. **The District Representative will forward requests to the District Governor**, if the requests did not come through the District Governor.
3. **The District Governor will review the requests, make comments and forward to the LOVF Secretary**.
4. Requests should be in the hands of the LOVF Humanitarian Committee **no less than thirty (30) days prior to the LOVF Board meeting**.
5. The LOVF Secretary will advise the cognizant District Governor of the date the application was forwarded to the Chairperson of the Humanitarian Committee.
6. **The Humanitarian Committee will act on all requests** and take one of the following actions: approve and recommend to the Board, disapprove, send back for corrections or additional information, or table.
7. After LOVF Board or Executive Committee action, **the LOVF Secretary will advise the cognizant District Governor** of LOVF's action.
8. **The District Governor should notify the club or Lion** of LOVF's action.